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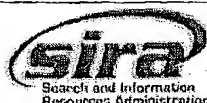
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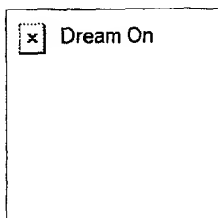
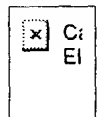
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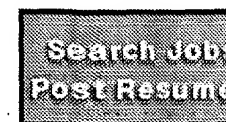
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Diamond Viper V770 Ultra (Graphics Cards)

Reviewer Floyd Taylor; Lorton, VA
Individual Rating 4.0

Comment "... some of the features are first rate, [such as] the color palette, high resolution, speed and price ... [but] it's only being made in AGP so you can't have 2 monitors using [it] ..."

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Consumer Electronics

Surrounded by Sound

Sony invented the Walkman, and after all these years, it still rules the [personal-audio-players](#) market — especially in the [MiniDisc](#) category, the latest in ear tech. Our users tune in to the Sony MZ-R50, though the Sharp MDMS702 and Kenwood DMC-J3 get honorable listens.

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Kings of the Hill

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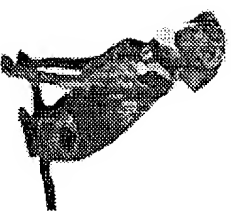
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
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My Deja

You can customize your usage of the site with My Deja, keeping track of your favorite spots. It's free, it doesn't take long to set up, it'll give you an e-mail account to use, it'll e-mail you when people respond to what you post here, and it's got lots of other great features. It can't wash dishes yet, but we're working on that.

Welcome!

Deja.com is the web's best place to learn what others think about the products, places, and people that affect our lives—and to share what you know. This tour will show you around and tell you how to get the most out of the site.

To browse, choose from the subject list on the left side of the home page. The links will take you to a subject home page that presents *ratings* (users' opinions and comments on hundreds of people, places, and products), *discussions* (a.k.a. forums, a.k.a. Usenet newsgroups), and *communities* (home-grown Deja.com users' sites) on that subject. More on ratings, discussions, and communities later.

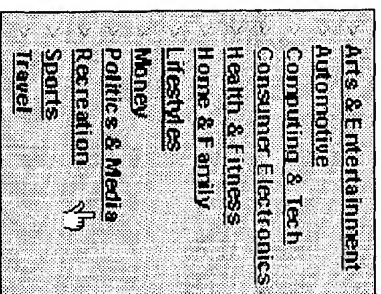
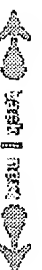
To search, use the box on top of the home page. You can choose to look only for discussions, ratings, or communities. You can also choose to search different discussion archives: older messages, for sale ads, adult content, and others. But no matter which type of search you choose, results will be presented in conjunction with related ratings, discussions, and communities.

Everything here's contextual. Get it?

bottom of almost every page.

Search boxes you can use to narrow your search within a topic are also at the

Let's walk you through how you might find **Deja Ratings** helpful. Your son has been bugging you about getting a puppy for years now and you've finally broken down and agreed. But you're not sure which breed will be affectionate, playful, good with kids, and basically fit your family's lifestyle. So you come to deja.com. You type "dogs" in the search box, and you're off. [NEXT](#)



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Ratings

Ratings let you get (and give!) a quick take on hundreds of products, services, places, and people, such as movies, books, CDs, computers, ISPs, vacation destinations, Presidential candidates ... and dog breeds. Ratings consist of a composite score—based on how users rated the item on four criteria—and the comments raters submit. [NEXT](#)

for example:

On the resulting page, you notice a list of the five dog breeds currently rated most highly by deja.com users. Below the top-5 list is an opportunity to rate a particular breed: Pit Bull. Having been bitten once by a pit bull, your opinion of them isn't very high, so you rate accordingly ... and add a comment, too: "Was bitten by one when in college. Still not over my fear of those beasts."

You're no closer to finding the perfect breed for your family, though. So you click on "Compare it to others" to scan the ratings for other breeds. [NEXT](#)



Rate it!

Pit Bull

or choose another to rate

(1=worst, 5=best)

Friendly: 1 2 3 4 5

Trainable: 1 2 3 4 5

Loyal: 1 2 3 4 5

Good with kids: 1 2 3 4 5

Submit

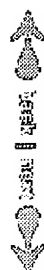
- Compare it to others
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- Buy it new or used

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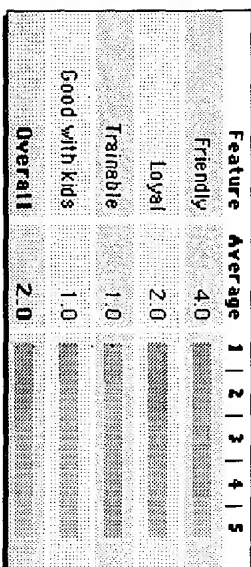
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Compare it to others!
This is a quick way to see at a glance how products stack up against each other. You can sort these results by the criteria most important to you. [NEXT](#)

A big chart appears comparing the overall ratings of many dog breeds. Hmmmm. Beagles. Click.

Up comes a summary page of how other users have rated beagles, and the comments they've written to accompany their ratings. [NEXT](#)



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Buy it!

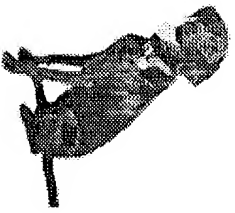
The **Buy New** links will take you to merchants' sites and services.

The **Buy Used** links will take you to where Deja.com users are most likely to be selling the items in question, or related items.

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for example:

Finally you decide on a Black Lab. You click on the **Buy Used** link, which takes you to a list of For Sale messages. Reading through them you discover one is even in your town! After you contact the breeder, and check out the dog in person, Tyler has a new puppy! [NEXT](#)



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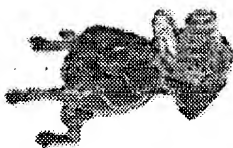
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Discussions with

Deja Tracker

A useful new feature of My Deja called **Deja Tracker** will email you if and when someone replies to messages you've posted. You can also set it to notify you whenever anyone posts a message on a particular topic.

Your My Deja page can act as a bookmark list to the Web sites, forums, and communities you like to check on.


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Discussions

Deja.com is the best place to tap into the collective knowledge of millions of people worldwide because it lets you search across, read, and participate in discussions on more than 60,000 subjects.

You can find discussions by either searching or browsing. **Browsing** through the subject home pages, click on the *discussions* tab to scan a list of all relevant discussions. **Searching** will lead you to a page like the one shown here. This will show you the forums in which people are discussing your subject most, and it'll show you a list of messages from any of thousands of forums in which people have mentioned your search term in the last few days.

You can customize your search by using the Power Search feature to organize results, expand your search to include older messages, limit it to exclude certain usages of your search term, and other options. [NEXT](#)

for example:

Rover is jumping up on all of your visitors and scaring Tyler's friends. You go to [deja.com](#) to see if anyone has discussed this problem online and can offer any solutions. The quickest way to get the information is to type "dog behavior" in the search box. Your search results are presented in the Recreation>> Hobbies>> Pets section. You'll see the three top forums related to dogs, then a list of messages about dog behavior.

Paydirt! One message is called, "Labrador needs social skills". [NEXT](#)

Discussion Search Results: "pet"
 [help](#) / [feedback](#)

Top Forums related to pet:

- [pet 204,608](#)
- [pet 204,608](#)
- [pet 204,608](#)
- [pet 204,608](#)

Messages related to pet:

Messages 1-25 of exactly 10422 matches

Topic: Messages for me

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
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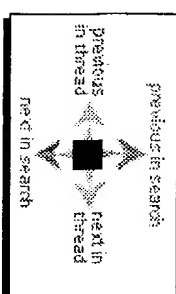

Read all about it!

If you want to read each message displayed on the search results page in sequence, use the vertical arrows above the message ("previous/next in search") once you're on a message page.

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As you read through the messages, mostly from different *threads* (conversations), you may find one message that looks interesting enough that you want to read the whole conversation from whence it came. Click *Thread* to see all the messages in chronological order. Use the horizontal arrow ("previous/next in thread") to navigate through the thread.

A link at the bottom of each page lets you forward the message to friends. [NEXT](#)



for example:

You click on the message's title to read it, and it lands you in the middle of a thread. On April 4, 1999, John Jones said, "I found that if I take Bowser out for his walk right before bedtime, he won't chase the paperboy in the morning." It's on the right track. Now you want to see what else folks have posted to this thread.



So you click *Thread* and read the first message. Turns out it all started with someone asking, "How do I get my outdoor dog to stop jumping up on our visitors with muddy paws?" You read through all the messages by using the horizontal arrows and you find all kinds of solutions people have offered, from shouting commands and raising their elbows to enrolling their dogs in obedience training. All good information! [NEXT](#)

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
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My Deja Mail

When you set up My Deja, you'll be given a free e-mail account you can use to participate in forums and to store your discussion correspondence.

You can also use the account to read weekly or monthly e-mail summaries of the discussions you follow.

This mailing list feature lets you specify another e-mail account if you choose.



Post!

Deja.com provides a simple platform for you to reach people with common interests and knowledge. Whether you post a question hoping someone will have an answer for you (sign up for [Deja Tracker](#), and we'll notify you when someone responds!) or you can answer someone else's question, Deja.com gives you the opportunity to learn before you buy!

Still have questions about Deja Discussions? Take a look at the much-more-detailed [Help](#) section. [NEXT](#)

for example:

When Rover becomes the most well-behaved pooch on the block, you'll want to be polite and thank whoever gave you the great advice, won't you? Back to that discussion (perhaps you subscribed to it with My Deja so you could get back to it easily and often) and find that message. Click [Post Reply](#). After a quick registration (if you aren't already registered), you type in "I tried the elbow trick with our black lab and after about a week he stopped jumping on people. Thanks for the tip!" Your reply is sent to the Deja.com database and everyone will be able to read it soon. [NEXT](#)

Quick Post Message

From:

Note: Your real name should appear on previously sent posts.

Forums:

Note: Select a forum from the list below which you wish to post your message in.

Subject:

Type your Message Here:

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Communities are more than just an over-used buzzword. Do you sometimes feel like you're the only person in cyberspace interested in your particular passion? Well, relax. You're not, and should you want to find and interact with the others, Deja Communities are right up your alley.

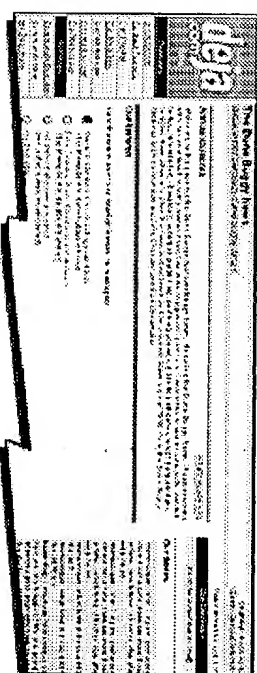
My Deja

If you join a community, you will automatically be registered with a My Deja account.

Deja Communities are essentially sites people have built to their own specs, adding features that let friends get together to hold ongoing discussions, meet in chat rooms, recommend Web sites, promote group events, collaborate on projects. They can be public or private, including or excluding anyone the community founder wants. A simple way to connect with people with shared interests, family, friends, customers, or clients. [NEXT](#)

for example:

You've found some interesting tips on dogs in the discussions and the raters' comments, and you think it would be handy to share your growing expertise in all things Rover with others in one place. You want to see if anyone has a good one up. From the home page you can either search only within Communities or click on the communities tab while in a discussion or rating about dogs. You might see listed "Black Lab Lovers" [NEXT](#)



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
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 Communities


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Join it!

There are thousands of Deja Communities; some open to everyone, some invitation-only. We give you lots of different ways to share your interests with other folks, simply.

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for example:

There are 11 members in this public community so you decide to join, too. The community founder has posted a photo of "Jeanie" in the announcements area along with a message about leash law crackdowns in his town, a link to a petition on his My Deja web page for everyone to sign, and a reminder to update your dog's shots. The calendar posts times of open dog runs in parks from various towns where the members live, and a link of Bookmarks has all kinds of interesting dog-related web sites. [NEXT](#)



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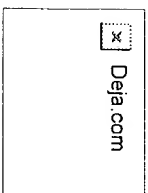
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Thanks for touring!
That's it, folks. We're finished. Enjoy your new Black Lab. Please return your seat to its original upright position.

If you still have questions, take a look at the extensive [Help](#) section.

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